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Picatinny, N.J. National Guard to Co-Develop Homeland Defense, Security Technologies

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. -- Picatinny and the N.J. Army National Guard have agreed to co-develop new homeland defense and security technologies, officials here announced today.

Lt. Col. Anthony Formica of Army National Guard's Training and Training Technology Battle Lab, Fort Dix, N.J., and Mr. Michael P. Devine, Picatinny technical director, will sign a memorandum of understanding here on Friday formalizing this partnership.

Under the terms of the agreement, Picatinny and the NJARNG will develop, demonstrate and evaluate technologies for possible use for battlefield, homeland defense and security applications.

Additionally, the two partners will develop new equipment training requirements for improving individual and unit readiness in the areas of homeland defense and security.

Both organizations have an equal leadership role in advancing this initiative under the agreement. Neither party will incur any financial or contractual obligation.

Picatinny, a 6,500-acre military base located in Rockaway Twp., N.J., is the nation's largest joint armaments development center. It researches and develops weapons systems for the Army Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.